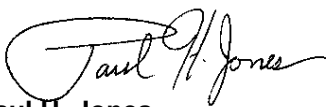




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MEMORANDUM FOR: ALL STATE DIRECTORS; ME THROUGH NC

FROM: 
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SUBJECT: WEEKLY BLACK SEA BASS QUOTA REPORT (NO. 5)

1999 BLACK SEA BASS REPORT (POUNDS); QUARTER I

State	Late Entries	Week Ending 06-Feb-99	Period Cumulative Total (to Date)	1999 Quarter I Quotas	% Landed
ME	0	0	0		
NH	0	0	0		
MA	0	0	400		
RI	0	7,684	30,365		
CT	0	100	2,651		
NY	1,445	10,044	27,519		
NJ	17,495	10,414	61,552		
DE	0	0	23		
MD	0	850	1,974		
VA	117	16,070	57,937		
NC	29	561	24,482		
Total	19,086	45,723	206,903	1,168,860	17.7

Notes:

The Federal commercial trip limit for Winter I is currently 11,000 lbs.

Massachusetts has a 12" minimum fish size.

These data are the best available to NMFS when this report was compiled. Data are supplied to NMFS by dealers and/or state agencies and may be preliminary.

An error was made in the recent permit holder letter describing the 1999 black sea bass quota. The following information is correct:

1999 Black Sea Bass Quarterly Coastwide Commercial Quotas and Quarterly Trip Limits

Quarter	Percent	Lb	(Kg) ¹	Trip Limits	
				Lb	(Kg) ¹
1 (Jan-Mar)	38.64	1,168,860	530,186	11,000	4,990
2 (Apr-Jun)	29.26	885,115	401,481	7,000	3,175
3 (Jul-Sep)	12.33	372,983	169,182	3,000	1,361
4 (Oct-Dec)	19.77	598,043	271,268	4,000	1,814
TOTAL	100.00	3,025,000	1,372,117		

¹ Kilograms are as converted from pounds and do not add to the converted total due to rounding.